# **California Department of Parks and Recreation**



# California State Parks Evaluation of North Coast Round 2 Draft MPA Proposals

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# State Parks Units Adjacent to Proposed MPAs Pelican State Beach Del Norte Redwoods State Park Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park Humboldt Lagoons State Park MacKerricher State Park Point Cabrillo Light Station State Historic Park Russian Gulch State Park Mendocino Woodlands State Park Van Damme State Park Navarro River Redwoods State Park = 10 California State Parks units

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### **Summary of Round 2 Evaluation**

- A total of 31 evaluations / many replicate MPAs
- In general a variety of marine habitats included; any proposals included rocky intertidal areas
- Most proposed MPAs do not conflict with park unit general plans or management activities (7 conflicts)
- With a few exceptions, goals were clearly stated
- Most boundary issues were minor and easily remedied (21 issues)
- One proposal included all existing State Parks marine managed areas (MMA); another proposal included one existing MMA
- Most State Parks units have interpretive infrastructure and educational programs to support proposed MPAs

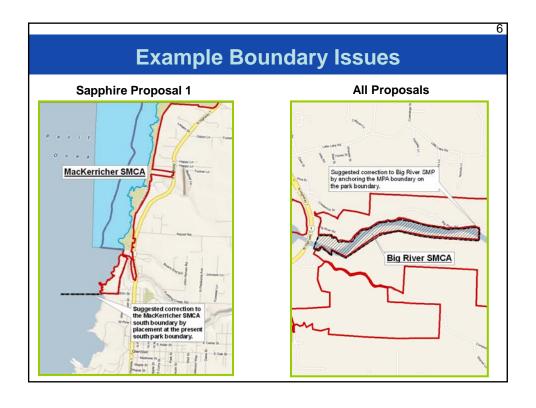
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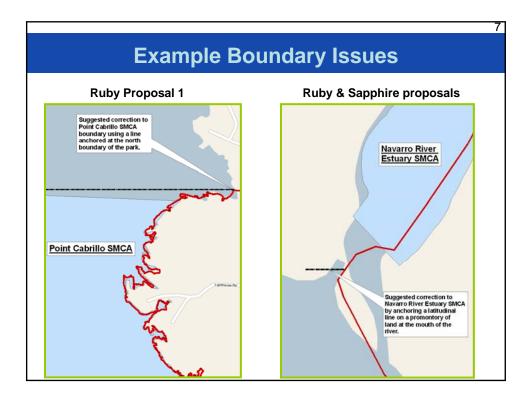
# **Example Conflicts with Unit General Plans**



- Ruby Proposal 1: Stone Lagoon SMRMA
- Regulations are inconsistent with the park's general plan
- Traditional recreation includes canoe / kayak angling; only two access points
- "Traditional state park activities should take precedence over waterfowl hunting on the lagoon." pg.52 General Plan
- Better plan is to create a state marine park at Stone Lagoon, allowing for hook & line angling of fish
- State Parks intentions are to maintain present low impact recreation

**Example Conflicts with Unit General Plans** Sapphire Proposal 1 & 2: **Reading Rock SMCA** Suggested correction to the north boundary of Reading Rock SMCA by Regulations are inconsistent with park's general plan and purpose either moving it to the south end of a campground on Gold Bluffs Beach... Gold Bluffs Beach an important shore fishing access and part of public use of park Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park Boundary is not aligned with a recognizable landmark Either revise regulations for this Reading Rock SMCA MPA or move boundary Commercial fishing occurs on beach by permit only ...or aligning it with the south boundary of the park.





# **Examples of Unclear Goals**

- Point Cabrillo SMCA (both work groups)
  - States that this MPA is a "goal 3 MPA"
  - No recreational take is allowed
  - Access to water is poor and unsafe in places
  - Educational opportunities are focused on the park's historic values
  - Scientific study is limited because of poor access
- Reading Rock SMCA (Sapphire Draft MPA Proposal 2)
  - Goals state that this is a "backbone MPA" because it allows for tribal gathering only
  - Regulations allow for commercial and recreational take of crab and smelt, which is inconsistent with first statement